The animal has a wide distribution in the East, occurring Assam, and Burmah, the Malay Peninsula, Siam, and Cochin-Chi Sumatra, Java, Borneo, and the Philippines, Its vernaeu names signify " Bashful Cat" and " Bashful Monkey " in allus to its nocturnal and shy haMts. It lives among trees, whict does not voluntarily leave. Its movements are deliberate, as popular name, Slow ILoris, implies; but it makes up for this a vigorous tenacity of grasp. The animals (< make a curi<

FIG. 262.—Slow Loris. *Nycticebus tardigradus.* x. £.

chattering when angry, and when pleased at night they utter short though tuneful whistle of one unvaried note, which thought by Chinese sailors to presage wind." Much superstiti has collected round this harmless though rather weird-looki creature. Its influence over human beings is as active when is dead as when it is alive. " Thus," writes Mr. Stanley lilowe " a Malay may commit a crime he did not premeditate, and th find that an enemy had buried a particular part of a loris und his threshold, which had, unknown to him, compelled him to a to his own. disadvantage/' The life of the Loris, adds Mr. Flow<

[1] *Proc. Zaol. Soc.* 1900, p. 321.